

**Town of Garner
Town Council Budget Work Session Minutes
May 13, 2015**

The Garner Town Council met in in a Work Session at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 in the Town Hall Council Meeting Room.

Mayor Williams called meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro Tem Marshburn, Council Members Behringer, Johns, Kennedy and Singleton

Staff Present: Hardin Watkins-Town Manager, Rodney Dickerson-Assistant Town Manger-Operations, John Hodges, Assistant Town Manager-Development Services, Brandon Zuidema-Police Chief, Emily Lucas-Finance Director, Michael Gammon-Budget & Special Projects Manager

Hardin Watkins presented the Review Budget Message, Budget Objectives, and Strategic Action Plan.

Michael Gammon presented the proposed budget for External Agency Funding.

Emily Lucas presented the proposed budget for Garner Volunteer Fire-Rescue, Inc.

Action:

Move forward with study by the MAPS Group.

Budget Recommendation:

Fuel:	\$ 10,090
Vehicle Maintenance (outsourcing):	\$ 15,300
Travel/Training:	\$ 5,000
Assistant Fire Chief (1/2 year funding):	\$ 51,792
Health Reimbursement Account:	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
Total	\$122,182

Possibility of obtaining a vehicle for ½ year through the VERT program.

John Hodges presented the proposed budget for Garner Revitalization Association, Inc. and Garner Chamber of Commerce.

Action: No changes recommended to proposed budget

John Hodges presented the proposed budget for Personnel & Benefits: Development Services—Engineering

Action: No changes recommended to proposed budget

Rodney Dickerson presented the proposed budget for Personnel & Benefits: Public Works-Park Attendant and Recreation Program Specialist

Action: Repurpose request of \$26,179 for proposed Park Attendant towards mowing contract; no changes to proposed Recreation Program Specialist.

Hardin Watkins presented the proposed budget for Personnel & Benefits.

Action: No other changes to recommended to proposed budget

Rodney Dickerson and Michael Gammon presented the Decision Package Summary.

Action:

Growth Strategies Task Force Marketing Implementation (\$10,000) – remove from request

Street Resurfacing (\$350,000) - increase \$50,000

N.C. Metropolitan Mayors Association (\$7,139) - further discussion needed

Netmotion VPN and Digital Personal Software (\$30,915) - remove from request

Add \$140,000 for contractor to mow and maintain US Hwy 70 from Welcome Sign to Welcome Sign.

No other changes recommended to proposed budget

Rodney Dickerson presented the Capital Items: Vehicle & Equipment Replacements and Other/Small Items

Action: No changes recommended to proposed budget

Rodney Dickerson presented the Parks & Recreation Program Budget

Action: No changes recommended to proposed budget

Emily Lucas presented the FY 2015-2016 Debt Service Report to include: Major Revenue Highlights- Property and Sales Tax, Intergovernmental Revenues, Other Revenues of Note; Other Funding Sources, Fund Balance Overview, Fund Balance Appropriation, Revenue Savings Plan, and Fee Updates.

Summary provided by Hardin Watkins:

Funds budget for N.C. Metropolitan Mayors Association (\$7,139), Netmotion VPN and Digital Personal Software (\$30,915), and Growth Strategies Task Force Marketing Implementation (\$10,000) could possibly be repurposed to fund the additional cost of \$50,000 for road resurfacing. Public Safety Reserve funds could be used to fund most of the additions to the GVFR budget (approximately \$117,182). Suggestions to fund the US 70 Hwy mowing (Estimated at \$140,000 minus the proposed Park Attendant position salary of \$26,179) and the other recommended changes will be provided at the May 19, 2015 Council Meeting.

Adjourn: 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stella Gibson